

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 CARACA 10106 102219Z

17

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AEC-05 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 CIEP-01

COME-00 DODE-00 EB-03 FPC-01 H-01 INR-10 INT-01 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-07 OMB-01 PM-03 RSC-01 SAM-01 SCI-03

SP-02 SS-14 STR-01 TRSE-00 FRB-01 FEA-01 PA-01 PRS-01

USIA-04 DRC-01 /083 W

----- 078848

R 102038Z OCT 74

FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6242

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CARACAS 10106

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, VE ENRG

SUBJECT: PLANNING MINISTER OPTIMISTIC ON RETURNING FROM
IMF/IBRD MEETINGS

1. GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF CORDIPLAN (VENEZUELA'S OFFICE OF PLANNING) WE DESCRIBED BY THE PRESS ON OCTOBER 10 AS FULL OF OPTIMISM REGARDING ABRILLIANT ECONOMIC FUTURE FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCERS AND FOR LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS IN GENERAL. HIS OPTIMISM WAS SAID TO BE BASED ON ASSURANCE THAT THERE WOULD BE A REDISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH AND HIS FAITH IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

2. RODRIGUEZ WAS QUOTED AS BEING HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE WAY IN WHICH LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNORS OF THE IMF SUPPORTED PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY VENEZUELA. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT A FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT HAD BEEN CREATED FOR VENEZUELA TO HELP RESOLVE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN UNITY AND ENABLE LATIN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CCONSUMERS TO JOIN IN THE STRUGGLE. HE SAID THE CASE OF BRAZIL - A COFFEE PRODUCER - WAS VERY IMPORTANT, AND FORE-

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CARACA 10106 102219Z

SAW THE POSSIBILITY THAT OPEC RESOURCES MIGHT BE USED TO DEFEND COFFEE PRICES. HE SAID THAT BOTH LARGE AND SMALL COUNTRIES SHARE

THESE VIEWS AND CONSIDER THEMSELVES PARTNERS WITH PETROLEUM PRODUCERS. RODRIGUEZ DESCRIBED SAUDI ARABIA'S HINT OF LOWER PETROLEUM PRICES IN RETURN FOR DECREASED SUPPORT OF ISRAEL AS A POLITICAL PROBLEM. HE SAID VENEZUELA'S PARTICIPATION IN OPEC HAS THE ECONOMIC OBJECTIVE OF JOINTLY DEFENDING PETROLEUM PRICES.

3. COMMENT: RODRIGUEZ'S VIEWS ARE ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT AS THE NEWLY-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF IBRD'S ANNUAL ASSEMBLY. HIS STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS MAY INDICATE GREATER WILLINGNESS ON VENEZUELA'S PART TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A SOLID FRONT ON DC-LDS ISSUES.
FISHER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETINGS, MEETING DELEGATIONS, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 OCT 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: elyme
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974CARACA10106
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740289-0452
From: CARACAS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741057/aaaabwoc.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: elyme
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23 SEP 2002 by kellew0>; APPROVED <05 MAR 2003 by elyme>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PLANNING MINISTER OPTIMISTIC ON RETURNING FROM IMF/IBRD MEETINGS
TAGS: EFIN, ENRG, VE, IMF, IBRD, (RODRIGUEZ, GUMERSINDO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005